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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM VICE PRESIDENT TARIQ AL-HASHIMI TO  
PRESIDENT OBAMA

¶1. On October 9, 2009 Embassy Baghdad received the following letter from Vice President Hashimi to President Obama. The original letter will be transmitted to NEA/I/POL via pouch mail.

Begin text of message:

Republic of Iraq  
The Vice President  
Tariq Al-Hashimi

The Honorable Barack Obama,  
President of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.

Allow me Mr. President to congratulate you on receiving the Nobel Prize. Diplomacy is indeed the choice to approach international issues and challenges. Diplomacy, cooperation, and a world that is not threatened of destruction by nuclear weapons is a better world. Such an approach will give a great space for peoples of the world to come closer, and shall provide for sustainable solutions to issues with minimal losses and pains.

I am confident that such an approach to international issues will positively impact bilateral relations between our countries.

Sincerely,  
(signed)

Tariq Al-Hashimi,  
Vice President  
The Republic of Iraq  
09 October 2009

End text of message  
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